

believed to have been introduced by the submission of the substitute Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-3;

Group II: Claims 4-9; and

Group III: Claims 10-11.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 4-9.

Applicants note that claims of Group II and Groups III are directly dependent from the claims of Group I, and as such these groups are not separable.

Applicants note the MPEP in §803 states as follows:

“If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.”

Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office. Accordingly, the Restriction in this application is believed to be improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicants request further examination and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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